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Date: Mon, 5 Apr 1993 17:08:17 GMT
From: swrinde!zaphod.mps.ohio-state.edu!uwm.edu!linac!att!cbnewsc!
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Subject: ARRL Advertising Policy
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <733974019snx@skyld.tele.com> jangus@skyld.tele.com (Jeffrey D. Angus)
writes:

> While we're at it, how about taking an ad for the National Man
Boy
>Love Association? (NAMBLA) Assuming of course, that they profess an interest
>in Amateur Radio. What better way for older men to meet young boys than
>through a national magazine with the targeted coverage of QST?

Sounds like a good idea to me. One of the things that attracted me
to
amateur radio as a child was that the grown men seemed anxious to accept me

as one of the (amateur radio) group. My Elmer must have loved little boys to have answered all the questions and requests for help so enthusiastically and to have let me "help" in the DX contest.

Or did you intend to impute some _particularly_ evil motive to our fellow amateurs who happen to have a different sexual orientation? Think maybe they are more likely to be rapists or child molesters than you are? :-(

> Do not point at the Jewish amateur radio organization and use their >ad as a justification for inclusion of Lambda in the advertising policy of >QST.

You have it backwards. What requires "justification" is the ARRL policy of exclusion of _some_ groups when ARRL professes to be _the_ national amateur radio organization and to represent _all_ amateurs.

> Unless you happen to be Nazi left over from WWII, or perhaps one of the >more rabid middle eastern groups, the Jewish organization does not espouse as >controversial a "life style" that those of the Lambda group choose to pursue.

Hmmm. The esteemed NAZIs did treat homosexuals as they did Jewish people. You say the Jewish group is to be "accepted" because their "lifestyle" is not controversial (meaning that _you_ don't object) but not homosexuals - _they_ are controversial because _you_ still want to persecute them? Guess there are some NAZIs still even if not necessarily leftovers. :-(

Re: _espouse_ A little transference going on here? Just because some people (you perhaps?) would use an organization (like ARRL) to proselytize or promote their particular religious or social agenda you are not entitled to accuse that the rest of us, or those you don't like, of behaving so badly.

> The ARRL is dedicated to Amateur Radio. Groups like such as the Jewish >organization and the Quarter Century Wireless Association get mention in QST >because their primary focus is Amateur radio.

As, indeed, it is for the LAMBDA group. Their advertisement, which can be seen in other publications, says it is a club for amateur radio operators who happen to be gay (just like QCWA is for amateurs who happen to have

been involved for > 25 years).

> If the homosexuals want to form
>a group specifically for amateur radio, then they too will eventually grace
>the pages of QST.

So, you would presume to make _your_ prejudices and the
motives you chose
to impute to others the standard for what is "specifically
for amateur
radio"! Get serious.

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Ed Schaefer K9JMA

Date: Mon, 5 Apr 1993 16:33:34 GMT
From: csus.edu!netcom.com!jfh@decwrl.dec.com
Subject: ARRL Advertising Policy
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

jangus@skyld.tele.com (Jeffrey D. Angus) wrote:

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>ad as a justification for inclusion of Lambda in the advertising policy of
>QST. Unless you happen to be Nazi left over from WWII, or perhaps one of the
>more rabid middle eastern groups, the Jewish organization does not espouse as
>controversial a "life style" that those of the Lambda group choose to pursue.

There is quite a bit of anti-Semitism in the world, even in the US.

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>organization and the Quarter Century Wireless Association get mention in QST
>because their primary focus is Amateur radio. If the homosexuals want to form
>a group specifically for amateur radio, then they too will eventually grace
>the pages of QST.

What makes you think that LARC isn't specifically for amateur radio? At
LARC's last meeting one member reported on how the local Office of
Emergency Services plans to incorporate amateur radio into their disaster
preparations; a number of other members plan to participate. We had some
discussions of our next service event in May; we provide communications for
the AIDS Bike-A-Thon, which raises a lot of money for HIV/AIDS research and
care. Some people talked about equipment they had to trade or sell, and
that was the end of the meeting. A few people stayed around to look at the
hosts' setup; they have a big packet BBS system.

The ARRL Section Manager is going to speak at our next monthly meeting, and

we'll probably finish talking about the Bike-A-Thon. We're getting a new repeater, so we'll probably hear more about that.

Just what part of our meetings do you think is inappropriate?

I don't know much about what the national LARC does, but I understand that they just had a DXpedition, and that they have a block of rooms at the Hamvention every year.

> When will the whiners figure it out that they really can have a life
> of their own without having to constantly draw attention to their personal
> choices?

I wish the homophobes would come up with new and original lines of attack. That same reasoning could be used against practically any group, but it's only used against gay/lesbian people.

As far as drawing attention to your personal choices goes, do you wear a wedding ring? Do you wear a cross or have a little fish symbol on your car? Do you wear a Masonic pin? Do you have a David Duke bumper sticker on your car? All of those things draw attention to your personal choices. I'm not saying that those choices are illegitimate, just that there's a double standard.

> Which group will be the next to attack the ARRL for not showing them
> their support?

I believe that LARC is asking for recognition as a valid amateur radio group, not for "support", whatever that means. I can't speak for LARC, of course.

> Vietnam veterans? Disgruntled postal workers? Children of ex-
> prostitutes?

This is really pretty irrelevant to the issue at hand, but if someone wants to form a group of left-handed Vietnamese war veterans who have call signs containing the letter B, why should the ARRL turn down their ads?

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Date: 6 Apr 93 07:03:02 CST

From: swrinde!zaphod.mps.ohio-state.edu!menudo.uh.edu!ccsvax.sfasu.edu!

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Subject: ARRL living in the past?
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <1993Apr1.225218.21618@pixar.com>, Bruce@Pixar.com (Bruce Perens) writes:

> In article <9303302139.AA09642@ucsd.edu> POLS0@AIS.UCLA.EDU (Linda Stocks) > writes:

>> In response to the following thread...if the ARRL's attitude >> toward women has been condescending, I haven't noticed it.

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> It's the language that I find the most offensive. I found it embarrassing > to explain to my non-ham fiancée that XYL meant "Ex-Young-Woman", and > was used to refer to any married woman. The ARRL perpetuates this usage > in QST, which is one reason I think they are living in the past. > To say this is OK is like saying it's OK to call a Black person a > "nigger".

>

> It's funny how attached to the jargon most hams are. I've heard a few > people laugh "Hi-Hi" on phone!

> Bruce KD60TD

There's no doubt the *original* usage of XYL was what we would now think to be sexist. It actually stood for ex-young-lady, and distinguished the person referred to from a YL -- young lady -- an unmarried woman, a "miss." Usage now, of course, parallels Mr. with Ms., and no longer makes that distinction.

However, words constantly change their meaning. For example, according to my OED, "woman" itself comes from the old english "wifmon," meaning a wife, or potential wife, and therefore carrying with it the implication of women as some man's property. That sense of "woman" is rapidly disappearing, however, and I don't know of any particular movement to get rid of the word itself. Similarly, could we not come to think of XYL (or YL, if you like) as standing for MS? If you want to make a change parallel to MRS, MISS --> MS, how about XL? I just think there's some value to our hobby to hanging on to, or only gradually modifying, those of our traditions we can hang on to.

For what it's worth...

73! -Jim-

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emx.cc.utexas.edu!not-for-mail@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: DX 'n stuff
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

cfm1471@ucs.usl.edu (Morrison Charles F) says:
(Subject: Re: Worked Him????)

>>Jeff, sorry to tell ya, but if you were to try that on a dx net, or
>>if the guys at DXCC knew, wrong, you wouldn't get credit for the contact.

DX nets do not set the standard for the rest of DXing.
The last time I listened to one of these net things,
the DX told the caller "you have QSB, 55 to 59", and
the W (who didn't hear a thing) said "QSL the 57?", so
the net cop says "That's within the range he gave you,
good contact". DX nets have their own rules, and you
have to play by them if you use them. Same thing with
people working freestyle.

>>You have got to have at least a valid exchange, RR ab6mb ur 599 de xxxx/kp1.
>>rr xxxx/kp1 tu 599 de ab6mb. If you didn't get it, ur cll agn pse de ab6mb.

Nonsense - you can't work many DXpeditions! I have yet to hear
a DXpedition where the operator wants to hear his call coming back
every time he works someone. It just slows everything down, and
people who go on DXpeditions do not want to be slowed down.

30 yrs ago this was indeed the case, you had to send the other
person's call every time you made a transmission, but that is
no longer true. I would say that among the last 150 countries
I worked, I didn't send the other person's call once. I know
who they are, they know who they are, I know who I am. The only
thing left is for the DX to know who I am. Once they send my call
and I send them a report that is it. Same thing in contests, you
don't send the CQer's call unless it is part of the contest exchange.

People don't go to Navassa or Burma to talk about the weather and
their health, or even to give accurate signal reports to people.
It's a different world from 2m FM conversations or casual 20m QSOs.

My sympathies are with the original poster. He was just honest
(or foolish) enough to admit to hundreds of people that he didn't
get the KP1's full call - it would have been better to ask a few
friends or read the OPDX Bulletin posted around the same time, with
the calls mentioned. This particular expedition could decide later

to send cards to everyone in their log, via the buro, and the poster would have got his; I suppose there are people who would then send the card back to the KP1 ops saying "Gosh, I thought it was an H instead of an S, you'd better have this back", but I have yet to meet one.

I did once write to a person in a Certain State asking for a sked when I needed one more state on 160m, and he simply sent me a QSL card with fake information on it because "Texas is easy to work from [Certain State]". That **is** going too far, and I made him get on the air and work me, so I do have some morals...

Good DX to all so inclined, and don't slow down the expeditions by sending their callsign every time you call 'em! If you don't get their call, keep listening, but don't do anything to slow them down. They don't care what your name is, they probably don't write down the report you give them, and they certainly aren't going to quiz everyone individually as to whether they know the DX's call sign, know how to spell Navassa, or even know what continent it's in. If you don't think those are "real contacts" - well, that's DXing for ya!

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Date: 6 Apr 93 10:41:23 EST
From: titan.ksc.nasa.gov!k4dii.ksc.nasa.gov!user@ames.arpa
Subject: Please help. PK-232 vs KAM
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <C515tv.1Cu@acsu.buffalo.edu>, v111qheg@ubvmsb.cc.buffalo.edu (P.VASILION) wrote:

> I am sick and tired of my PK-232MBX's noise problem, and I am not
> about to go soldering right next to IC's, so I've decided to ditch my PK-232.
> Has anyone had any problems with RF from their KAM or newer PK-232 tearing
> up their HF's front end? Does anyone have any negative experiences with the
> KAM? How about newer '232's?

Peter-

Regardless of what the problem is, maybe its time for a change. The PK-232 was king when it first came out, but is getting old now. The KAM is highly regarded by many. Its one advantage that would sway me, is its ability to

act as a gateway between HF and VHF. Just don't be too upset if they come out with a KAM version 2, right after you get one!

So, you get a new TNC. What if the noise problem doesn't go away? I've had no such problem with my PK-232 on receive. However, I have had some problems with the computer I use as a terminal. It is essential to separate the antenna from your digital equipment, whether its the TNC or the computer or a nearby printer. Sometimes its hard to determine which piece of equipment is causing a problem, since noise can be carried over the interconnecting cables. This is a reason to only use shielded cables, including the RS-232 and printer cables.

My only "noise" problem with the PK-232 turned out to be a power supply problem. It seems that transmitted RF was getting into the power supply regulator. Rectified RF was upsetting the regulator bias to the point where it oscillated at an audio rate, somewhere near the frequency of the FSK tones. The power supply output consisted of DC with this audio riding on it, with the low point on the waveform going below the value that the PK-232 power filter could handle. Subsequently, the tone was passed on to the transmitter microphone circuit. The solution to the problem turned out to be removing a second piece of equipment that was sharing the power supply, and using two separate supplies.

In the process of trouble shooting this problem, I observed that the PK-232 already had fairly good filtering, both on the power supply and the other input/output circuits. I won't say it doesn't radiate some digital hash. However, I doubt it will be much different from other comparable TNC's.

73, Fred, K4DII

fred-mckenzie@ksc.nasa.gov

Date: 6 Apr 1993 18:20:23 GMT
From: usc!howland.reston.ans.net!zaphod.mps.ohio-state.edu!malgudi.oar.net!news.ysu.edu!yfn.ysu.edu!ag821@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Please help. PK-232 vs KAM
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In a previous article, gary@ke4zv.uucp (Gary Coffman) says:

>In article <C515tv.1Cu@acsu.buffalo.edu> v111qheg@ubvmsb.cc.buffalo.edu (P.VASILION) writes:

>>OK. I know this question was solved years ago on the net, but I wasn't
>>around then so dont flame me.

>>

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>>about to go soldering right next to IC's, so I've decided to ditch my PK-232.
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>>up their HF's front end? Does anyone have any negative experiences with the
>>KAM? How about newer '232's?

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>Well Peter, if you don't solder, I guess trading is the only option,
>but the 232 really is easy to quieten if you're willing to do a little
>work. The KAM is a little quieter out of the box, but it's performance
>is a little worse too, so you don't gain anything. AEA still paints
>their cabinets, so the newer machines aren't much quieter than the older
>ones, though they have improved the filters a bit. All it takes is sandpaper,
>star washers, and a few extra screws to quieten these boxes. If you wish,
>you can also add 0.1 uf caps across each IC. That will help things a little
>more. But it's getting rid of the paint and getting a good electrical
>bond on the case halves that really does the trick.

>
>Gary
>--

>Gary Coffman KE4ZV		You make it,		gatech!wa4mei!ke4zv!gary
>Destructive Testing Systems		we break it.		uunet!rsiatl!ke4zv!gary
>534 Shannon Way		Guaranteed!		emory!kd4nc!ke4zv!gary
>Lawrenceville, GA 30244				

>
Well, I have the 232MBX. I recently did the factory authorized
AMTOR filter mod (changing out a few resisitors). AEA provided
the resistors, and extra resistors in chase I want to change back.
I have operated the 232 during times of really crowded and
times of really noisy conditions. I now have perfect copy
even when the signal doesn't move my S meter. I don't get
to use a KAM so can't do a direct comparison. I like the
KAMS dual port ability and the software I have seen (the latest
version). Can't imagine needing anything better for RTTY
AMTOR and VHF packet.. I can't stand HF packet so it doesn't

matter to me whether or not that even works. I recently ordered the
PACTOR upgrade.. and use ACUTERM .. Acuterm upgrade is going
to cost me a whole \$15

Jeff,AC4HF

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Date: Mon, 5 Apr 93 17:39:27 GMT

From: cs.ubc.ca!unixg.ubc.ca!kakwa.ucs.ualberta.ca!alberta!adec23!
mark@beaver.cs.washington.edu
Subject: RFD: rec.radio.amateur reorganization
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

jangus@skyld.tele.com (Jeffrey D. Angus) writes:

> Don't do it. The more groups you create, the more groups get cross-posted
> because people are either a) afraid their message won't be read or b) they
> don't understand how to use thier newsgroup software.

You are calling us idiots you know, and if not directed at *us*, what
about people like my wife (completely computer illiterate) who understands
these concepts and can hit the '?' key when she doesn't ...

She (VE6MFB) stopped reading rec.radio.amateur.misc a long time ago, and
finds alt.tasteless a more civilized group ...

> I can understand rec.radio.amateur.policy as a way of taking the "You're
> wrong, I'm right" flamewars into an area people can avoid.

No, it is a place made for discussing policy issues, the flamewars still
are in *.misc ...

> I can understand rec.radio.amateur.packet as a location devoid of the
> morse/morris wars. And where the 'real hams' don't have to suscribe to no-
> coder orientated things like machines rather than people talking to each
> other.

? Sounds like you support a division of r.r.a.misc now, as this is what
should happen with well thought out groups, such as Ians!

> But let us not sub-divide rec.radio.amateur.misc for the benefit of those
> who want to further narrow thier view of the hobby.

< minor flame >

I have news for you, I saw you bashing *us*, my wife, no-coders and packet
users in your note, you just alienated another set of amateur radio
enthusiasts! if you are so peaches and cream and want us all together
in a nice family, I'd advise you to practice what you preach!

< flame off >

Now to the point, one can 'subscribe' to all the groups, ALL news readers
are capable of reading articles that are cross posted, in their primary
group only. You do NOT see articles twice (unless a user has broken
netiquite and multi-posted) and you can see everything! I do not see
that you are hurt by this progress!

> Conclusion, it ain't broke so don't fix it.

Wrong! the visible complaints are but a tip of the iceberg (I think the vote will show that), I can count on my fingers and toes the number of people turned off by *.misc this month that are *visible*. I pity the listserver user that gets mail bombed with 250 articles/day on topics he has no interest in, and certainly *any* news reader (threaded too) that has to discard so much, and read so little.

Ciao, 73 de VE6MGS/Mark -sk-

Date: 5 Apr 1993 16:33:30 GMT
From: mvb.saic.com!unogate!news.service.uci.edu!usc!sol.ctr.columbia.edu!eff!ssd.intel.com!chnews!mstcsh!mgustoff@network.UCSD.EDU
Subject: Yes, 2-way Contact Occurred
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

>>>Last night I worked NF6***/KP1 at 0238 UTC. I was hoping that someone
>>>could fill in the rest. Namely, the rest of his call and if this was
>>>Navassa Island. He was sending just above the range where I can copy
>>
>>If you didn't even get his call or QTH, how can you claim to have
>>'worked him'?
>>
>>Steve...AI7W
>
>Well the only reason I had questions about the KP1 was I thought that
>Navassa Island could only be reached via a major dxepidition. I was certain
>it was KP1 but maybe it was a case of thinking to much that made me question
>it. I spent a hour trying to copy his call after I worked him! I had
>NF6*/KP1. Knew that he was on Navassa island after consulting my chart
>of calls and had his call just missing one letter. Let's see, oh yes, I
>heard him, he heard me, I sent him a report, he sent me a report. Hmmm,
>sounds like a contact to me. Maybe not a perfect one. Anyway in the
>log it goes and a QSL card is on it's way. As this is the second comment
>I have had on the validity of QSO all I can say is "Sorry guys, it's
>valid to me and to the DX and that's all that really matters." 73!
>
>Jeff
>--

I concur with Jeff, I often work QRP with 1W or less and if that station had come back to me with W07T ur 599 TU, in my log he would have gone.

Many of you may have benefited by working a DX station and having your call copied in his log with one letter incorrect, and then received a card in

response to your card because all the associated information was correct and he could correlate to his log and realize you were BB1HS and not BB1HH. Of course if you're a real purist then you should be sending a little note with your card to every station you QSL:

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| Please do not send me back a card if you do not |
| have my call listed in your log exactly as it is |
| printed on my card. If they differ at all we did |
| not have a valid QSO and I don't want your card |
| |
| Please also don't mail me your card if our dates |
| and GMT time don't match exactly. That wouldn't be |
| a valid QSO. |
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Ease up a bit guys, Jeff probably just doesn't have access to a DX cluster via packet radio, and didn't know the complete call prior to working the guy.

As was suggested earlier, the associated awards and cards bring personnel satisfaction, and if he's satisfied with that contact, or contacts via nets, or contacts sited on a DX cluster it is his business, but 2-way contact was established and to deny that is unfounded.

73 es Gud Dx'ing

W07T

Date: Tue, 6 Apr 1993 16:12:41 EST
From: anomaly.sbs.com!n1mpq!news@uunet.uu.net
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <1993Mar31.144451.2694@mixcom.com>,
<1993Mar31.172036.17154@VFL.Paramax.COM>, <1993Apr2.200648.23084@walter.cray.com>
Subject : Re: "CB transplants"

wws@craywr.cray.com (Walter Spector) writes:

> I'm too young to have used 11m as a ham band. But I did have quite
> an interest in amateur radio long before I obtained my first ticket.
> And I had my first license before having ever used CB.

When I think about it, back around 1977 or so I used CB's a little bit, but it was alot different back then. I lost interest because, as you

said, it gets boring.

> After I obtained my license, a friend of mine who was into CB *insisted*
> on visiting my station. He wasn't very impressed watching me (attempt)
> to call CQ on 40 meter CW with my HW-16 and HG-10 (yeah, I know you were
> *supposed* to use crystals. :-) It wasn't pretty. Needless to
> say he had no interest in getting a ham license after that.

But thats the thing, a ham shack shouldn't have to look pretty as long
as it does the job. Personally, the more techie it looks, the better. :)

> So I think the no-code Tech, as it currently exists, is a Good Thing.
> I was also quite pleased with the Novice enhancement giving phone privies
> on 10m. When I obtained my first Novice license, I would have had to
> travel 180 miles, to Chicago, to upgrade it to general. Nowadays, thanks
> to the VEC system, you can get a license with little effort. There has
> never been a better time to get into amateur radio.

Agreed but some mistakes were made. The theory was watered down quite a
bit so that now it's just rote memorization if you buy WB6NOA's books. I
will admit that I used the RS books up to General and then switched to
the ARRL books because RS didn't got higher than General at the time.
With the ARRL books I actually learned the theory behind the questions
so that no matter what you threw at me, I could pretty much do it.

Now all I have to do is pass my element 1C this Thursday and boom...
Extra, only 364 days after I took my no-code.

Tony

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-- Anthony S. Pelliccio, kd1nr // A man who feels sees life as //
-- system @ garlic.sbs.com // a tragedy, a man who thinks //
-----// sees life as a comedy. (This //
-- Flame Retardent Sysadmin // was in my fortune cookie!) //

-- This is a calm .sig! --

Date: Tue, 6 Apr 1993 18:46:25 GMT
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To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

References <1993Apr1.143555.22479@nrtpa038.bnr.ca>, <jfhC4tKqo.Gwo@netcom.com>, <1993Apr5.163543.4060@nrtpa038.bnr.ca>'

Subject : Re: motive ...

In article <1993Apr5.163543.4060@nrtpa038.bnr.ca> kme@node_17aa4.bnr.ca (Ken Michael Edwards) writes:

>I reiterate, this discussion DOES NOT BELONG HERE. You sir are discussing
>politics, not amateur radio.

You, sir, should realize that:

1. the two are not disjoint - the topic is the politics of amateur radio organizations.
2. an Angel of the Lord may have appointed you to regulate the terms of the discussion, but the rest of us may not recognize your authority.
3. If you make statements here, you will bloody well take responses here.

> I have definite political feelings, but will
>not discuss them here or on the air.

Your next paragraph gives the lie to this assertion.

> It is bad form. Amateur radio is
>for encouraging international goodwill. This is in contridiction to the
>discussion of contriversal issues.

However, no single group can arrogate to itself the right to forbid discussion of any issue, especially not about its own behavior, on the grounds that discussion of the topic would offend members of that group. You have not the right to unilaterally decide what is "controversial" and so "forbidden" for the whole community of amateur radio operators.

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>There are those who still believe a homosexual lifestyle is wrong. You
>are advocating forcing a lifestyle on those individuals.

Really?!! You claim that full participation in our hobby by those of one particular sexual orientation will force those whochoose otherwise to adopt that orientation? This reeks of the claims that Gypsies steal little children and Force you, or anyone, to adopt some "lifestyle"? Of course not. Insist on common politeness and acceptance of _all_ our fellow hams on the air andin our national and international organizations. Of course. Good grief man, this isn't the dark ages! I hope. 8-)

> If you want to
> discuss this with me further, please post only to the radio.amateur.policy,
> or I will not respond.

Interesting that you insist on a right to unilaterally set the terms
of
discussion and to exclude others from the forum. What was the name of that
Angel, anyway?

If, of course, you choose to withdraw because you find the people here
uncongenial you might recall that was the genesis of this discussion:

The
fact that Gay hams are made to feel so uncomfortable that they finally seek
more congenial company - and the difficulty they have had
in availing
themselves of national circulation Ham magazines in arranging that.

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